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R. I. JOBS OFF SLIGHTLY IN DECEMBER AT 405,900

"Seasonal changes characterized the Rhode Island Labor picture in December. As expected, the most significant occurrence was the expansion of retail workforces to handle holiday purchases. These gains were more than countered, however, by losses in Manufacturing," Director of the Department of Employment Security, Mary C. Hackett announced today.

Reports received by the Department reveal 405,900 men and women were gainfully employed at mid-December. This preliminary estimate, indicates a decrease of 600 jobs in a month to a level of 2,400 below the corresponding period a year ago.

NON-FACTORY JOBS UP

Nonmanufacturing employment increased, overall, by 900 in December, reaching 271,000 jobs. Contract Construction, Services, and State and Local Government indicated monthly losses of 100 jobs each. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate firms added 100 jobs, while Transportation and Public Utilities remained even over the month.

Wholesale and Retail Trade establishments bolstered the holiday workforce by adding 1,100 temporary personnel to reach a high for the year of 83,400, a level 700 below the previous December.

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EMPLOYERS! RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

The Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings in 1979. During the last fiscal year, which ended September 30, 1979, 64% of all the job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 29,745 job placements were made during that 12-month period. 39% of these placements were youth under age 22, another 18% were veterans, including nearly two thousand Vietnam-era veterans.

The Job Service is responsive to the needs of job applicants who experience barriers to employment. Almost 29% of the placements were economically disadvantaged individuals, another 17.5% were members of minority groups and 13% were persons 45 years of age and over.

The job Service is an experienced and adaptable public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings statewide; if you need workers, call your openings into the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265). There is never a fee for using the R. I. Job Service.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending December 31, 1979, must be filed by January 31, 1980, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R. I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Total Placements	1,648 P	2,136 P	2,598
New Applications	INA	INA	4,741
New Openings Received	INA	INA	3,324

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	% Change from Nov.
Initial Claims	27,126	10,394	+ 161.0
No. of Payments	70,668	59,406	+ 19.0
Amt. of Payments	$6,015,999	$5,006,109	+ 20.2
Exhaustions	1,999	1,900	+ 5.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	% Change from Nov.
Initial Claims	548	1,891	— 71.0
No. of Payments	8,408	15,026	— 44.0
Amt. of Payments	$742,463	$1,506,407	— 50.7

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed December 1979

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	16,423	100.0
Men	8,467	51.6
Under 45	5,231	61.8
45 and over	3,236	38.2
Women	7,956	48.4
Under 45	3,949	49.6
45 and over	4,007	50.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,516	9.2
Manufacturing	7,461	45.4
Public Utilities	568	3.5
Trade	2,186	13.3
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	496	3.0
Service	2,536	15.4
All Other	1,660	10.1
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,040	12.4
Clerical and Sales	2,433	14.8
Service	1,414	8.6
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	452	2.8
Processing	729	4.4
Machine Trades	1,705	10.4
Bench Work	3,409	20.8
Structural Work	1,880	11.4
Miscellaneous	1,894	11.5
Not Available	467	2.8

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	453.3	452.9	443.0
Unemployment	23.4	23.2	24.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.1	5.4
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.8	5.9	6.1

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	29,055	29,285	26,040
Unemployment	1,370	1,295	1,405
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.7	4.4	5.4

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	12,860	12,835	11,870
Unemployment	625	585	660
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	4.6	5.6

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1980. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Burrillville
Charlestown
Coventry
East Greenwich
Foster
Glocester
Hopkinton
Johnston
New Shoreham
Newport
North Kingstown
North Smithfield
Pawtucket
Providence
Richmond
Situate
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978
ALL MANUFACTURING	134.9	136.4	137.8	— 1500	— 2900	$212.13	$195.91	39.8	39.9	$5.33	$4.91
DURABLE GOODS	56.8	56.8	55.7	0	+ 1100	247.76	229.77	41.5	41.4	5.97	5.55
PRIMARY METALS	7.1 *	7.0 *	7.1	+ 100	0	253.86	258.05	43.1	44.8	5.89	5.76
FABRICATED METALS	10.3	10.4	10.2	— 100	+ 100	209.08	193.65	39.3	39.2	5.32	4.94
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	10.2	10.1	9.8	+ 100	+ 400	325.71	306.61	45.3	45.9	7.19	6.68
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.6	12.8	12.3	— 200	+ 300	201.11	186.12	38.6	39.6	5.21	4.70
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	274.34	272.14	44.9	46.6	6.11	5.84
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 100	282.31	233.50	41.7	37.6	6.77	6.21
INSTRUMENTS	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 100	0	224.13	206.59	41.2	41.4	5.44	4.99
LUMBER-FURNITURE	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0	217.06	173.44	38.9	33.1	5.58	5.24
NONDURABLE GOODS	78.1	79.6	82.1	— 1500	— 4000	186.73	173.88	38.5	38.9	4.85	4.47
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	29.9	30.7	32.8	— 800	— 2900	159.87	150.78	36.5	37.6	4.38	4.01
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.5	4.0	0	— 500	191.05	202.45	33.4	37.7	5.72	5.37
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	13.2	13.4	13.1	— 200	+ 100	200.79	185.27	41.4	42.3	4.85	4.38
APPAREL	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	— 300	179.65	163.93	40.1	39.5	4.48	4.15
PAPER PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.3	+ 100	— 100	211.33	191.17	41.6	41.2	5.08	4.64
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	5.4	5.3	— 100	0	287.86	274.51	41.3	39.9	6.97	6.88
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	— 100	279.76	280.06	40.9	39.5	6.84	7.09
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	— 200	204.36	184.70	39.0	38.4	5.24	4.81
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.5	5.5	5.3	0	+ 200	207.88	187.40	39.9	40.3	5.21	4.65
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.4	3.5	3.3	— 100	+ 100	127.09	121.79	35.6	35.3	3.57	3.45
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.9	5.8	— 400	— 300	172.66	148.32	38.2	36.0	4.52	4.12

* LABOR DISPUTE.

1978 FIGURES REVISED. 1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
NOVEMBER 1979

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATE								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Lay-Off Rate		
	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1979	Oct. 1979	Nov. 1978
MANUFACTURING	3.8	5.8	4.0	3.1	4.9	3.4	6.4	5.7	4.4	2.7	3.3	2.5	2.6	1.2	1.0
DURABLE GOODS	3.4	4.7	3.3	2.9	4.0	2.8	4.4	4.5	3.2	1.8	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.6
Primary Metals	2.7	2.7	2.4	1.9	2.0	2.2	1.8	3.2	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.1	1.2	***
Fabricated Metals	3.8	6.3	4.3	3.4	5.1	3.5	3.5	4.7	3.5	2.0	3.0	2.0	0.5	0.8	0.3
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.7	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.4	3.4	2.3	1.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	2.1	0.5	0.4
Electrical Mach.	4.9	4.1	4.5	4.4	3.5	4.0	5.5	4.3	4.4	3.2	2.8	3.4	1.5	1.0	0.3
Instruments-Optical	2.5	3.2	3.6	2.0	3.0	3.4	7.5	5.4	2.5	1.4	1.9	1.3	5.3	2.9	0.4
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	2.7	8.8	2.7	2.0	8.2	2.0	5.9	7.5	4.2	2.2	4.7	1.8	2.9	1.3	1.6
NONDUR. GOODS	4.1	6.7	4.5	3.3	5.5	3.8	7.8	6.6	5.2	3.3	4.0	2.9	3.3	1.2	1.3
Food-Beverage	8.8	15.8	13.7	7.1	11.8	11.1	15.5	12.1	7.9	7.4	8.6	6.4	7.4	2.8	0.9
Textiles	4.5	5.5	4.2	3.7	4.5	3.5	3.8	5.2	3.6	2.2	3.1	2.2	0.4	0.6	0.7
Apparel	5.9	6.0	4.2	3.2	3.2	2.3	7.1	5.6	5.1	2.0	2.5	1.9	3.2	2.0	1.9
Paper & Allied Prod.	2.5	6.2	5.3	2.0	5.8	4.9	5.6	3.3	4.0	3.0	1.9	3.0	1.6	0.3	***
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	3.3	4.4	6.7	2.2	3.2	5.6	4.0	5.1	5.7	1.9	2.7	4.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
Jewelry & Silverware	3.9	5.9	4.2	3.3	4.7	3.6	11.0	7.2	6.0	3.2	3.6	3.1	6.5	1.9	1.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	3.3	8.2	2.5	3.0	7.7	2.2	5.9	7.0	4.0	4.2	5.7	2.0	0.8	0.6	1.1

RATES FOR NOVEMBER 1979 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR OCTOBER 1979 AND NOVEMBER 1978 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS; AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

*** LESS THAN 0.05 PERCENT.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From			
	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978		Nov. 1979		Dec. 1978
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	405.9	406.5	408.3	—	600	—	2400
MANUFACTURING	134.9	136.4	137.8	—	1500	—	2900
NONMANUFACTURING	271.0	270.1	270.5	+	900	+	500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	14.1	14.2	15.3	—	100	—	1200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.3	13.3	13.6		0	—	300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	83.4	82.3	84.1	+	1100	—	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.9	20.8	20.2	+	100	+	700
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	78.3	78.4	76.4	—	100	+	1900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	61.0	61.1	60.9	—	100	+	100

1979 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. 1978 FIGURES HAVE BEEN REVISED.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DIVISION OF STATISTICS & CENSUS IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.
* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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FACTORY JOBS IN SEASONAL DECLINE

Jobs in Rhode Island manufacturing industries dropped 1,500 to a level of 134,900, or 2,900 jobs less than the comparable period one year ago. Employment in Durable Goods industries remained stable over the month at 56,800. Stone, Clay and Glass, Transportation Equipment, and Lumber-Furniture manufacturers also remained at last month's levels. Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Instruments each gained 100 jobs, but Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery firms lost 100 and 200 jobs, respectively, in the month. In the yearly comparison, Durable Goods were 1,100 jobs ahead of last year with no segment showing a loss.

In Nondurable Goods, manufacturing jobs dropped 1,500 in the month, led by sizeable cutbacks of 800 Jewelry-Silverware workers and 400 closely allied Miscellaneous Manufacturing jobs. The Nondurable Goods jobs total of 78,100 represents a loss of 4,000 positions over the year.

Food-Beverages, Apparel, Chemicals, Rubber, and Plastics manufacturers each reported levels even with last month's data, while Paper Products firms showed an increase of 100. All other segments reported losses.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Wages edged upward in December, primarily because of a longer workweek – up .5 hours over November. Weekly earnings of factory production workers averaged $212.13 in December, up $16.22 over the past twelve months.

Workers in the Durable Goods industries averaged $247.76 a week in December, up $17.99 from last year, due almost exclusively to higher hourly earnings – up 42 cents in the year. In Nondurable Goods, the weekly average was $186.73, up $12.85 in a year. Average weekly hours were down .4 for these workers, but hourly earnings rose 38 cents.

The factory workweek averaged 39.8 hours in December, compared to 39.3 in November and 39.9 one year ago. The hourly rate for production workers averaged $5.33 in December, up from November to a level 42 cents above twelve months ago.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1979	Nov. 1979	Dec. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	460.2	454.5	440.4
Unemployment	29.2	23.5	27.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.3	5.2	6.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	6.6	5.8	6.4

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